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News worth sharing.

Transit talks roll past midnight

► Negotiations stretch into early Thursday morning as two sides return to the bargaining table for first time since the pickets went up ► Municipal deal puts rostering back on table, which doesn't make union very happy

Metro Transit and the Amalgamated Transit Union returned to the table Wednesday — one week after over 700 transit operators walked off the job.

It was a marathon negotiating session, but no deal had been reached as of press time.

"(Negotiations are) going lousy," said an exasperated Ken Wilson, president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508, just after 6 p.m.

"They put the rostering back on the table, and here we are, guys. We don't know how long or if there's even a point to stay at negotiations as long as rostering is on the table."

Metro Transit director Eddie Robar did not speak to media on Wednesday.

Union representatives presented a counter-offer to Metro Transit just after 9 a.m. Wednesday.

The union's submission built on one made by management last week, which did not include "rostering" — a scheduling system that would remove transit operators' ability to choose their shifts based on seniority — and provided a 3.5 per

**"We're still working
through it, guys.
Nothing to say."**

UNION HEAD KEN WILSON TO REPORTERS
AT 12:30 A.M. THURSDAY

cent raise over two years.

The union's counter-offer proposed a nine per cent raise over three years — which Wilson had previously described as an opening gambit to be negotiated down.

Based on the scant details released to reporters, neither offer was substantially different from what both sides proposed last week.

Wilson said the union moved on some "big things" since their last proposal on Jan. 30.

"We gave up the ability to work out of both (the Ragged Lake and Burnside) garages, two spare boards, which removes 35 people off the spare board by creating a vacation board," Wilson told reporters.

"These are big things for us that we're moving on, huge things that (are) going to hurt some members, but it's the right thing to do."

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► Metro Transit director Eddie Robar, middle, walks out of negotiations on Wednesday at the Holiday Inn Harbourview in Dartmouth. Inset: Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508 president Ken Wilson.



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Public support should play into transit resolution: Prof

► Can't solve a strike by 'talking at each other': Saint Mary's researcher ► Metro Transit strike now entering its eighth day



► Workers head to Halifax across the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge after transit workers went on strike following failed talks with the city last week.



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Public opinion will be a big factor in how the Metro Transit strike gets resolved, according to a Saint Mary's University researcher.

Dr. Kevin Kelloway said that public opinion largely depends on people's feelings toward labour unions in the first place.

"Particularly in a public sector strike, the support of the public is usually seen as a fairly major determinant of how the

"My guess would be people are going to reach the point of where they just say, 'I don't care who's to blame or who's at fault.... I don't care what the issues are. Fix it'"

DR. KEVIN KELLOWAY

strike gets resolved," he said this week.

"If you watch these man-on-the-street interviews, some people faced with the same set of circumstances, (they) attribute blame to the union for there being a strike and some attribute blame to the city for there being a strike."

That may be why both the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508 and Metro Transit have somewhat varied accounts of what led to the strike, now in its second week, in the first place.

"If you listen to the union, you listen to management talking, they're not actually talking to

each other, they're talking at each other," said Kelloway.

"You're not going to solve a strike that way. You've got to get past that."

The ATU and management met in Dartmouth Wednesday to discuss two new offers — one from the union, and one "approved" by Halifax regional council. By last evening, negotiations were continuing.

But Kelloway said that, as with many strikes in Canada, the public may eventually lose patience with both sides.

Twitter comments



Comments from Twitter on Wednesday regarding the transit strike.

► @thegingerdeal: seriously? how many other jobs do people get to pick

their own hours/days/shift lengths? they're acting like spoiled toddlers

► @pennyhannam: I'm still not sure whose side I'm on but I'll be glad when the buses get back on the road. This #transitstrike is costing more than \$70/mth.

► @oddjourney: Transit cost me about \$1 a day. It is

costing me considerably more since #transitstrike started. @mayorpeterkelly get this settled.

► @sinsofknowing: Dear @hfxtransit: please get the buses back on the road! This has gotten out of hand! #transitstrike
► @mj_acker: ATU's week-long temper tantrum needs to end now #transitstrike

► @t_d_duker: Despite all the negativity of the #transitstrike, seeing people offer rides to strangers on Twitter? Warms my cold, cold heart. #Halifax

► @KristanForsey: 3-3-3 raise and they already make an average of \$50,000 a year and make more from overtime. Ridiculous! #transitstrike



► Bill McEwan

Sobeys boss announces retirement

Sobeys president and CEO Bill McEwan will be retiring later this year.

McEwan's desire to retire stems from a continuing health issue, and Empire Company Ltd.'s board of directors announced the implementation of a succession process to replace McEwan is already underway.

"Bill recently advised our board of his intention to retire and we obviously respect and support the decision he has made," said Rob Dexter, chairman of Empire, in a release. "Our succession process has been designed to identify a successor who will continue to drive the company's food-focused strategy forward." **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

More charges in attempted murder case

Police have laid more charges in relation to an attempted murder case last month.

Halifax RCMP say on Tuesday night they arrested 20-year-old Wayne Casey of Timberlea and charged him with robbery while using a firearm and 10 other weapons-related offences. That total is on top of the 48 charges police laid in relation to the case last week towards seven men, aged 18 to 21, and a 16-year-old boy.

Police say searches and the subsequent charges are related to several ongoing cases, including an investigation into an attempted murder on Wendybrook Drive in Tantallon on Jan. 17. **● METRO**

59 The number of charges police have now laid in its investigation.

Mason in it to win it in HRM council run

► Says concerns around planned expansion around Dalhousie University a top priority for him ► Admits running against incumbent a challenge



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Waye Mason says it's time for some new faces at city hall.

Mason, a local entrepreneur and educator, announced on Wednesday that he's vying to be councillor of the District 7 Peninsula South-Down-town, saying there is a veil of secrecy and dysfunction around the current council and a fresh face is needed.

A 20-year resident of the new district, changed under the boundary district review, Mason said he's been on the flip side of politics as an entrepreneur



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

"I do think there's a real appetite for change right now."

WAYE MASON,
CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILLOR OF DISTRICT 7

and citizen and has worked through the municipality's "red tape and obstacles."

"I think that the perspective of having worked through, with, and around

the city for the last 20 years will help me to find ways to get the HRM to be more responsive to its citizens and its businesses."

He was quick to highlight a few high-profile and widely criticized council decisions such as the sale of St. Patricks-Alexandra School, the grossly over budget Washmill overpass and the so-called cash-for-concerts scandal.

"All of these things ... concern people in the HRM and how they are handled and the lack of openness and accountability," said Mason on Wednesday.

Mason admits that running against incumbent



SUE UTECK/RYAN TAPLIN

► Sue Uteck

Coun. Sue Uteck will be a challenge, but said he believes residents have an appetite for change.

"I wouldn't be running if I didn't think I would win," he said. "A lot of people do feel that council is dysfunctional and the district isn't getting represented in a way that's getting us what we need."

OCT. 20 ELECTION

Would-be candidates get off the mark early



► Mike Savage

Although a number of people have been tooting the candidacy horn, they're technically not official candidates of the upcoming municipal election until September.

From Sept. 4 to 10, candidates will make appointments with the municipality's returning officer to register their nomination, followed by an open-call registration on Sept. 11, said Katherine VanBuskirk of the HRM communications office.

Sept. 12 is the last day to make changes or withdraw nomination papers, she said.

David Boyd bowed out of the mayoral race earlier this week, while

former MLA Mike Savage, entrepreneur Fred Connors, former police officer Tom Martin and Dalhousie University student Matt Wornona remain in the running for mayor.

Although Mayor Peter Kelly has not officially declared his candidacy, it's been widely speculated that he will seek re-election.

As for council, some have said they will be seeking re-election already.

E-voting for advanced polls takes place Oct. 4 to 6 and the general election is Oct. 20.

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Titanic theme highlights cruise season

► Cruise ships will dock in Halifax from April and October ► The industry accounts for about eight per cent of all tourism in Nova Scotia



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Halifax will once again see thousands of cruise-ship passengers this year, with some coming specifically to visit the graves of those who perished after the sinking of the Titanic.

The Port of Halifax released its preliminary schedule for 2012 on Wednesday, which includes visits from two Titanic-themed cruise ships.

Marking the 100-year anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, the Azamara Journey will visit Halifax for the first time on April 12 as the first vessel of the season, while the Fred

130
The number of ships scheduled to dock in Halifax in 2012.

Olsen Cruise Lines' Balmoral will make an overnight stay on April 16.

"Halifax is certainly on that Titanic theme," said Cathy McGrail, manager of cruise development at the Halifax Port Authority, noting the victim's graves at the Fairview Cemetery and the anniversary exhibit at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

Typically a day-trip destination, this year Halifax will be the starting point



► It will be another busy cruise ship season in Halifax in 2012. The Amadea sails into Halifax harbour in this file photo.

for a number of vessels, said McGrail.

The port is expecting to see between 235,000 and 245,000 passengers, she said.

"We're looking at an

other strong season and anticipating that it will be very similar to last year," said McGrail on Wednesday, adding the port saw about 243,000 passengers in 2011.

Disney Magic will make its inaugural call to the region in June, its first of nine stops of the season, a news release said. To have Halifax inked on the Disney Cruise Line itiner-

ary is a great opportunity to showcase the region, McGrail said.

She said six ships will be docking at the port for the first time before the season wraps up on Oct. 30.

Former boxing trainer Tom McCluskey dies

Dartmouth's Tom McCluskey, one of Canada's most respected boxing coaches whose understanding of the sweet science was considered second to none, has died. He was 87.

Born in Charlottetown, "Young Tom" McCluskey's boxing career began in October 1937 at the age of 13. Standing just over five-foot-seven, with a fighting weight between 130 to 145 pounds, he had what has

been described as a cat-like ring style and could deliver damaging blows while opponents were distracted by his feints.

McCluskey was undefeated in 35 amateur and professional bouts. But his

career ended abruptly at the age of 24 after suffering a double skull fracture while serving as a stoker with the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War.

Retirement did not

quell his passion for boxing, however. He began managing and training boxers in Dartmouth, where his wife Gloria would later serve as mayor before it became part of Halifax. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Local legend

Tom McCluskey died Tuesday in hospital in Dartmouth.

► He is survived by his wife, Coun. Gloria McCluskey, four children and eight grandchildren.

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► Health and Wellness Minister Maureen MacDonald, shown in this file photo, says programs such as Alternative Suspension can “change the lives of young people.”

Program refuses to give up on suspended kids

▶ Alternative Suspension takes up to six students at a time ▶ Runs in more than 30 Canadian communities



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It could be the hot chocolate, the granola bars or the casual atmosphere, but Holly LaPointe says there's something about the Alternative Suspension program that sets teenagers on the right path.

LaPointe is the primary youth worker with the program, which started as a pilot project in 2010 and got its official launch on Wednesday by the YMCA and Halifax Regional School Board at the Kinsmen Club of Dartmouth.

It gives junior high students who are suspended from school the option of taking part in personal and academic development during their time away from the classroom.

“Programs like this mean so much. They change the lives of young people.”

**MAUREEN MACDONALD, MINISTER
OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Whether the kids have acted out in class or experimented with drugs, La-Pointe said the program helps change negative pre-teen behaviour by giving them one-on-one attention.

"I work really hard at connecting with them and having fun with them, because otherwise they won't listen to what I have to say," LaPointe said with a laugh. "Every day that I have kids here is invigorating, draining, exhausting and satisfying."

If a student is suspended, school officials can recom-

mend the teen for the program. It's then up to the student and parents to decide if they'd like to take part.

Activities include individual assessments, recreational pursuits, intervention sessions and academic achievement.

Health and Wellness Minister Maureen MacDonald and Carole Olsen, superintendent of the HRSB, also participated in Wednesday's launch. Olsen said many of the 28 students who been through the program have developed an awareness of their problem behaviour.

"It only takes one caring adult to make a difference in a child's life," she said at the Kinsmen Club, where Alternative Suspension is based. "This program provides that one caring adult."

STATION TO STATION

City hit by gas-bar holdups

There has been yet another gas-station robbery in HRM. Police say two men held up the Esso station on Ochterloney Street in Dartmouth on Tuesday night. The men, both

aged 40, fled with cash and cigarettes, but were arrested and charged a short time later with robbery and weapons offences.

Also this week, a Petro-Canada station on Victoria Road in Dartmouth was robbed twice over the course of nine hours. Police aren't sure if the two Petro-Can robberies are related to the Esso holdup. ● **METRO**

Bridgewater police get salary hike

The town of Bridgewater has reached a six-year collective agreement with the association representing police-department employees. The deal will see an officer's salary jump to \$74,700 a year from \$70,807. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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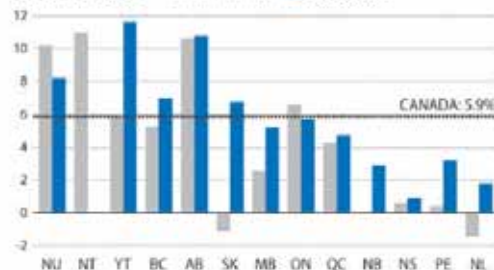
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Provincial growth rates

Population growth rates of the provinces and territories:

PER CENT CHANGE ■ 2001 to 2006 ■ 2006 to 2011



More people heading west

The population in Western Canada has finally surpassed that on the other side of Ontario — a trend that has been decades in the making, but was compounded by the recent recession.

The first barrage of data from the 2011 census, released Wednesday, showed there were 33.5 million people living in Canada in May of last year — and that for the first time ever, more of them are living west of Ontario than in Quebec and the Atlantic provinces.

At the national level, there was a healthy 5.9 per cent surge in population

from the previous census in 2006, giving Canada the fastest growth pace of all the countries in the G8.

While other countries are struggling to maintain their populations, Canada's is actually picking up speed.

Within the country's borders, however, the pace is far from uniform.

Ontario is still an axis. It's by far the most populous province, with 38.4 per cent of the population.

The West claims a 30.7 per cent share of the total, compared to 30.6 per cent in Quebec and the Maritimes.

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N.W.T. looks for missing couple

Hey, Mr. and Mrs. Northwest Territories, where did you go?

The 2011 census counted 33,476,688 Canadians and every province and territory had a gain in

population — except the N.W.T.

Its population — 41,462 — dropped, by exactly two people.

The population stagnation bucks a recent trend for the northern territory. Five years ago, N.W.T. had a growth rate higher than the national average, thanks to a booming economy.

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Census says...

Highlights of population numbers from the 2011 census.

- As of May 2011, 33,476,688 people were enumerated in Canada, nearly twice as many as in 1961 and 10 times the number in 1861.
- Every province and most territories saw their population increase between 2006 and 2011; the rate of

growth increased everywhere except in Ontario, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

- The growth rate in Ontario declined to 5.7 per cent, its lowest level since the early 1980s.
- Nearly seven of every 10 Canadians lived in one of Canada's 33 main urban centres in 2011.
- Of the 15 Canadian communities with the highest rates of growth, 10 were in Alberta.



► An aerial shot of downtown Halifax.

Halifax is growing, census finds

- City ranks No. 13 among the country's 33 census metropolitan areas
- In 2011, 390,096 lived throughout the municipality



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Halifax is growing, to the detriment of rural Nova Scotia.

Statistics Canada released its first wave of data from the 2011 census on Wednesday. Halifax's population is up 4.7 per cent from the 2006 census, but it's still under the national average of 5.9 per cent.

"It's good growth, it's pretty significant," said Marc Melanson, regional advisor with Statistics Canada.

We don't get a lot of immigrants, but the vast majority of them tend to stay in Halifax, plus rural Nova Scotians are moving to the city, Melanson explained of the increase. Census data proves several small communities are dropping.

"I don't find it surprising," said Paul Kent, president and CEO of the Greater Halifax Partnership. "Population growth is largely the result of economic activity, which is why the census data shows population growth is showing in urban areas across the country."

Metropolitan area growth

A look at the change in the population of Canada's Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs):

PER CENT CHANGE IN POPULATION: ■ 2006 to 2011 ■ 2001 to 2006

Calgary 12.6	Oshawa 7.7	Halifax 4.7
Edmonton 12.1	Abbotsford 7.0	Victoria 4.4
Saskatoon 11.4	Quebec 6.5	Saint John's 4.4
Kelowna 10.8	Kitchener 5.7	Hamilton 4.1
Moncton 9.7	Barrie 5.6	London 3.7
Vancouver 9.3	Guelph 5.5	Peterborough 2.1
Toronto 9.2	Sherbrooke 5.3	Greater Sudbury 1.6
Ottawa-Gatineau 9.1	Montreal 5.2	Saguenay 1.0
St. John's 8.8	Winnipeg 5.1	St. Catharines-Niagara 0.5
Brantford 8.3	Trois-Rivières 4.9	Thunder Bay 0.8
Regina 8.0	Kingston 4.7	Windsor 1.3

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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Shipyard.

"There's potential for that to create a magnet effect for labour and people to locate in and around the Halifax area," Kent said.

Low population growth, as well as losing young workers to other provinces, is one of the biggest issues for Atlantic Canadian com-

panies, Kent said. That's why economic development is so important.

"Major developments like shipbuilding, like Shell's deepwater drilling, the Maritime transmission link with Newfoundland are part of the solution for what is definitely a very challenging issue," he said.

N.S. shows lowest regional growth

► Just slightly more births than deaths from 2006 to 2011 ► Moncton's population is up 7.7 per cent to 69,074

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Nova Scotia's population is growing. But barely.

According to 2011 Census data released Wednesday, Nova Scotia's population growth is the slowest in Atlantic Canada.

With a population of 921,727, it's up 0.9 per cent from the 2006 census.

Why? Declining immigration, low fertility rates and the continued out-migration of workers to the West, said Marc Melanson,

regional advisor with Statistics Canada.

"Nova Scotia continues to lose in that factor, the exchange with other provinces," he said.

And while other Atlantic provinces are seeing a boost from international immigration, Nova Scotia is backsliding a little.

Gerry Mills, director of operations with the Immigrant Settlement and Integration Services (ISIS) in Halifax, said 2,424 immi-

"It certainly will be interesting to see.... Things like an industry change in a city or town can shake up a population."

MARC MELANSON, REGIONAL ADVISOR WITH STATISTICS CANADA, ON THE POSSIBLE IMPACTS OF THE HALIFAX SHIPBUILDING CONTRACT ON THE NEXT CENSUS

grants arrived in the province in 2009, and fewer — 2,408 — in 2010. The numbers for 2011 will be out in the next few months, she said.

"But what we're being told is they went down slightly," she said.

What's positive is that way more immigrants are staying in the province than were staying a decade ago, but due to a federal cap on the number of provincial nominees there are fewer immigrants arriving.

"People have to select Nova Scotia as opposed to everywhere else," Mills said, "and I think we need to do a better job of selling Nova Scotia and Halifax as a good destination."

What growth the province has is the result of those immigrants and non-permanent residents here on work terms or students, Melanson said. But he added any gains are offset by losing people to other provinces.

Five Nova Scotia com-

munities made the national list of biggest losers in population. Among them: Inverness was down almost 10 per cent and Yarmouth was down 5.6 per cent.

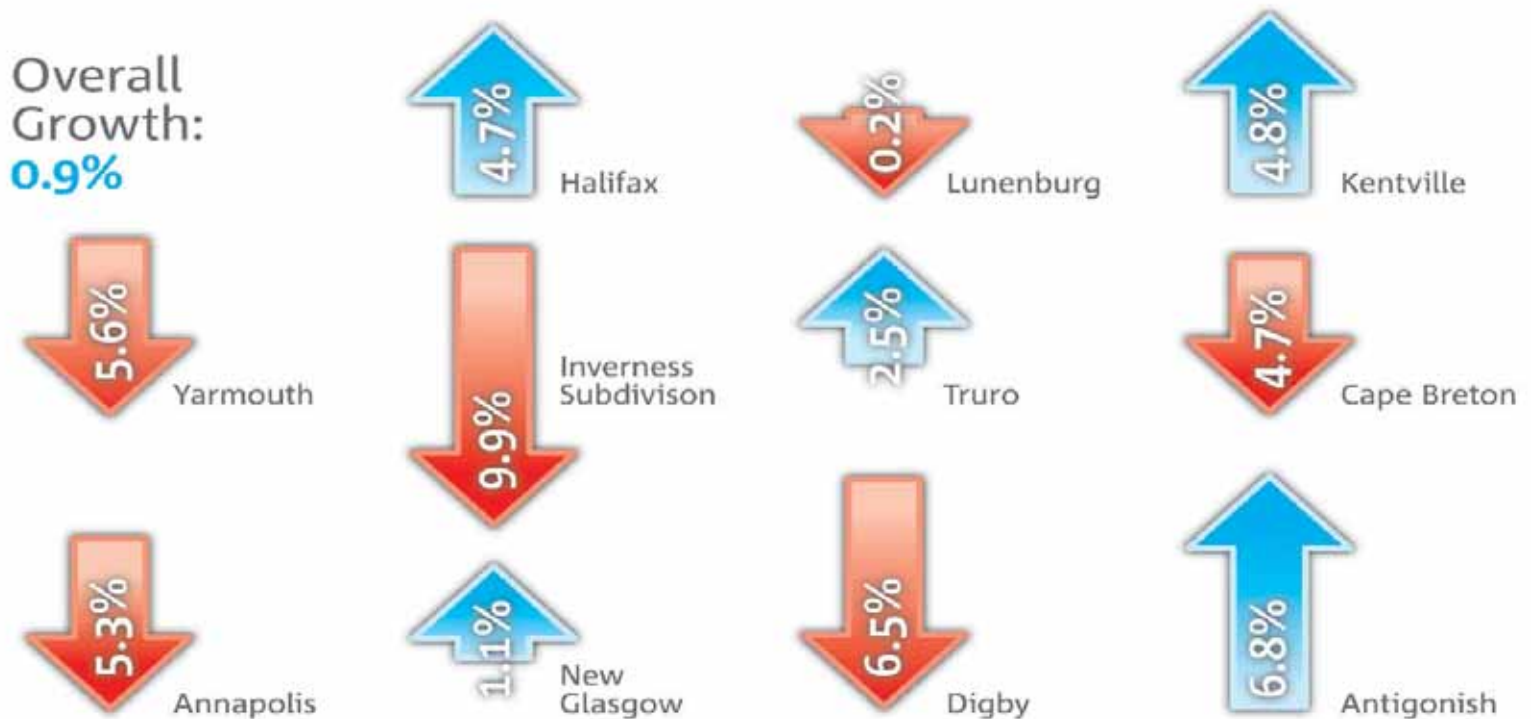
"It's not a Nova Scotia thing, it's a Canadian thing as well; there is certainly a move towards urbanization," Melanson said.

That's part of the reason why Halifax's population went up 4.7 per cent, he added.

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Population Change In Nova Scotia Between 2006 & 2011

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA



People needed for economic success: Minister



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Nova Scotia's low growth numbers back up what's been happening here for 20 years, said Percy Paris, minister of economic and rural development and tourism.

But he's hopeful for the future.

"I think we can take great comfort in the positives that are on the brink here, on the horizon," he

said.

Good news like the shipbuilding bid, the Lower Churchill project, as well as wind and tidal projects, will make an impact, and Paris said his government's JobsHere strategy is helping businesses — rural and urban — to compete.

"We will need people, people with the right

skills for the good-quality jobs that these projects are going to bring to Nova Scotia," he said.

Tory Leader Jamie Baillie sent out a statement Wednesday saying the NDP is causing the exodus and is the reason the province has the slowest population growth in the country.

At 0.9 per cent, it

means there were 8,265 more people in Nova Scotia from 2006 to 2011. P.E.I. grew 3.2 per cent, New Brunswick 2.9 per cent, and Newfoundland and Labrador 1.8 per cent.

"Nova Scotia used to vastly outpace growth of our Atlantic Canadian neighbours, but now we aren't even in the game," said Baillie. "The NDP's

high-tax, high-cost policies are killing job creation and leaving younger people with few opportunities."

But Nova Scotia's 0.9 per cent growth is the difference between 2006 and 2011. The NDP were elected in 2009. Before that, the Tories were the party in power.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

HIV-AIDS

Disclosure case comes to high court

The Supreme Court will begin hearing arguments today concerning the obligations of those infected with the virus that can lead to AIDS.

At issue is whether it's

a crime for people with HIV to keep their condition from their sexual partners if the risk of transmission is low.

Prosecutors argue people infected with HIV must always inform their partners, regardless of risk of transmission.

Advocates for people with HIV say this thinking criminalizes carriers of the virus and doesn't acknowledge the science that determines the likelihood of transmission.

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MP's ousted baby allowed in House

A New Democrat MP has closed the case of the bounced baby, saying it was all a misunderstanding.

Sana Hassainia brought her three-month-old infant into the House of Commons this week just before a key vote, drawing the attention of delighted fellow MPs who began snapping pictures of mother and son.

When parliamentary pages brought her a message from the Speaker, Andrew Scheer, Hassainia thought she was being told to remove her child, Skander-Jack, from the chamber.

But she says Scheer later explained he was only concerned about cameras in the House, which are not allowed.

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Baby rules

- Women MPs from other parties asked Scheer to clarify the rules for infants in the Commons, including whether breastfeeding is allowed.
- In 1998, New Democrat MP Michelle Dockrill brought her seven-week-old baby, Kenzie James, into the Commons as she voted during proceedings.
- MP Elizabeth May, the Green party leader, said Wednesday that at the time Dockrill was asked not to come back with the infant.
- Scheer promised he would outline the rules surrounding infants.

RCMP hunt for person of interest in Alberta case

- Sgt. Patrick Webb asks public not to approach Sawyer Clarke Robison
- Officials find unidentified body in home where deadly standoff took place

RCMP confirmed Wednesday that one man was found dead in a rural Alberta house where two Mounties were shot.

Sgt. Patrick Webb said a search was on for a 27-year-old man, Sawyer Clarke Robison, seen leaving the property after four officers from the detachment in Killam, about 160 kilometres southeast of Edmonton, arrived on Tuesday afternoon.

The officers went to the property as an ongoing investigation the small detachment had been involved in for the last week.

"The role of all the RCMP members here is to locate this individual and try to resolve this without any more shots fired or any injury to anybody."

SGT. PATRICK WEBB

Gunfire erupted after they arrived and two of the officers, Const. Sheldon Shah and Const. Sid-



ney Gaudette, were cut down.

Webb said Robison could be armed with long-barrelled weapons and should be considered a high risk. He warned members of the public not to approach him.

Police had said Tuesday that the public was not at risk and Webb reaffirmed

that there is no risk to the public in a general sense.

Robison, the primary resident of the house, is not a suspect, but is considered a person of interest.

"It is definitely in his best interest to contact the RCMP to speak with our investigators as soon as possible," Webb said at a

briefing Wednesday morning at the Killam detachment.

Police were trying to determine how the dead man was killed, Webb said. The man was not identified.

Several weapons were recovered at the house, Webb said.

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Military did everything possible to find missing Labrador boy: Report

Nothing the military could have done would have saved the life of a 14-year-old boy who died on the frozen Labrador Sea, a chief of defence staff investigation has concluded.

The probe confirmed Wednesday that no chopper was available to fly from Happy Valley-Goose Bay, N.L., when the first request for help came on Jan. 30 to search for Burton Winters.

There were two Griffon helicopters in Happy Valley-Goose Bay that day, but one was grounded for maintenance and the other needed an oil-line repair that was completed hours later.

In any case, the cloud

ceiling was too low for military flight in the region that day, said Rear Admiral Dave Gardam, the commander of Joint Task Force Atlantic, at a news conference in St. John's.

A military Griffon chopper and an Aurora plane arrived on the night of Jan. 31, after local searchers made a second request for help two days after Winters went missing, he said.

The boy's body was discovered the next day by a civilian helicopter, about 19 kilometres from his abandoned snowmobile outside the village of Makkovik on the Labrador coast.

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Laureen Harper's Green Gables diplomacy

As she tours China along with her husband, Laureen Harper has her own wish for the Chinese people.

May they love Anne of Green Gables as much as she did.

Harper has written an introduction for a Mandarin translation of Lucy Maud Montgomery's classic story about an orphan raised on Prince Edward Island.

Harper calls the story as Canadian as the maple leaf, yet enjoyed all over the world because the story and the characters transcend differences.



► Laureen Harper

She says the main character Anne Shirley is someone everyone can recognize and love for her independent spirit and boundless imagination. And Harper also puts in a plug for Shirley's home province, exhorting readers to come and visit P.E.I. to see the Island for themselves.

Copies of the book were handed out at a tourism event in Beijing on Wednesday.

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Ottawa couple charged with animal cruelty

SEAN MCKIBBON
IN OTTAWA

An Ottawa couple is facing cruelty charges after the humane society discovered a pet pot-bellied pig crippled by overgrown hooves.

The man and woman were charged with "permitting distress to, and failing to meet the standards of care for, a pot-bellied pig illegally kept in the basement of their Vanier home," the Ottawa Humane Society (OHS) said in a statement released Wednesday.

OHS investigators were called to the home by Ottawa police and discovered the adult pot-bellied pig's

hooves had grown to about a foot and a half in length. The hooves had curled and extended back into the bottom of the pig's feet, keeping it from standing or moving normally, the OHS statement said.

After a vet examined the animal, a decision was made to euthanize the pig, the society said.

Mathew Mawson and Roxanne Veinotte were each charged with two counts under the OSPCA Act and expected to make their first court appearance Wednesday. They each face a maximum fine of \$60,000 and a maximum sentence of two years in jail.

FAILING GRADE

Panel blasts First Nations education

First Nations education in Canada gets a failing grade in a new report.

A national panel on First Nations elementary and secondary education released a long-awaited study Wednesday, saying there really is no national system for aboriginal education.

The report called on the federal government to create a body to oversee First Nations education.

It urged the creation of local organizations that would resemble regular school boards and called for more money for the system.

It also said the right

of aboriginal children to a good education should be written in law.

"We were struck by the passion and commitment of the young people that we met and all of the people who are committed to First Nations education," said Scott Haldane, the group's chairman.

"We recognized, however, that they do not have a system of support. There isn't, in fact, a First Nations education system in Canada. And without that support, it's very difficult for them to achieve the goals that they have for young people and for young people to achieve their full potential."

The three-member panel was appointed last year by Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan and Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo.

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Effort to clarify self-defence laws has at least one defender

► Tory bill aims to distinguish reasonable force from vigilantism

The lawyer for an Ontario man who was charged after firing his revolver to scare off would-be arsonists attacking his home says Justice Minister Rob Nicholson is on the right track with changes to the self-defence law.

Nicholson raised opposition eyebrows this week when he agreed during a committee hearing that firing a warning shot over the heads of property thieves or intruders would be con-

sidered a reasonable response under the new law.

The minister's answer to a friendly question from an Alberta Conservative MP had New Democrats and Liberals grousing about vigilante justice. And it drew a cool reaction from the president of the Canadian Police Association and alarm from the Canadian Bar Association.

But lawyer Edward Burlew, who has defended a host of firearms-related



► Justice Minister Rob Nicholson

cases, said changes to the law will simply address the reality of some circumstances.

"You can't always call 9-1-1 to get a cop. Things are over by then. It's too late," Burlew said in an in-

terview from his office in Thornhill, Ont.

"These types of situations are generally over in under a minute, perhaps two minutes. They're quick, fast incidents."

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Pardon application costs set to quadruple

It's official — the cost of applying for a criminal pardon will quadruple.

The federal govern-

ment says the pardon application fee will jump to \$631 — up from \$150 — on Feb. 23.

The government says recent changes making it tougher to get a pardon have also made the pro-

gram more work-intensive and costly.

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INDIAN SCANDAL

Ministers quit: Were all three watching porn?

Three government ministers in the southern Indian state of Karnataka resigned Wednesday.

But it wasn't because of a parliamentary vote or a matter of political principle.

They were accused of watching a pornographic video during an assembly session.

The right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party, which rules Karnataka, ordered the three ministers to quit after local TV channels aired footage of the men watching the allegedly pornographic clip while the state assembly proceedings

were going on.

The ministers denied they were watching pornography.

But they said they were resigning to save their party from embarrassment.

Television footage showed Laxman Savadi, minister for co-operation, watching the video clip on his mobile phone and then passing the phone to C. C. Patil, minister for women and child development.

The mobile phone belonged to the minister for ports, Krishna Palemar, who also resigned.

Savadi said he was watching a video clip of a rave party to prepare for a discussion in the assembly.

Soon after TV stations aired the footage, outraged residents of Bangalore, the capital of Karnataka, held protests outside the homes of the ministers.

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► China's newest heavyweight, Chun Chun, snoozes at a maternity hospital in Henan province.

Don't call him a little monster

► Chun Chun weighs in at 15.52 pounds ► Baby could set a China record

A mother in central China has given birth to a 15.52-pound baby.

The 29-year-old mother in Henan province gave birth to the boy in a cesarean operation, the

state-run Tianjin Post said.

Delivery took just 20 minutes and both mother and the baby, named Chun Chun, are doing fine.

The paper said Chun

Chun's parents are average size and there was nothing unusual about his mom's pregnancy or diet.

Guinness World Records says the heaviest newborn ever recorded

was born to an Ohio woman in 1879 and weighed 23.7 pounds.

Chun Chun is possibly China's largest newborn on record since 1949.

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► Samaria Enamorado, whose husband was one of the 11 killed, lays flowers at the Hampstead, Ont. crash scene.

Driver of van ran stop sign

► Police say he had wrong licence
► Crash 'did not have to happen'

The crash that "did not have to happen" began with a tragic driver error.

The van carrying 13 migrant workers from South America ran a stop sign at a rural Ontario intersection, police said Wednesday.

It was broadsided by a truck and the "violent" impact killed 11 people.

What's more, the driver — one of the workers killed — had an Ontario driver's licence, but not the type required to drive a van of that size, investigators said.

Ontario law requires the driver of a vehicle that transports more than 11 passengers hold at least a Class F licence. But the driver had only a regular G licence.

"This crash did not have

Sad anniversary

► The driver of the truck that — Christopher Fulton, 38, from London, Ont., — was killed. His employer, Speedy Transport CEO Jared Martin, said Fulton was celebrating his 11th wedding anniversary on the day of the crash.

to happen," said Chief Supt. John Cain of Ontario Provincial Police. "These lives did not need to be lost."

When paramedics and volunteer fire crews arrived at the scene in Hampstead, Ont., five people were already dead. The others died while paramedics tried to save them.

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Six sought in Slave Lake probe

Alberta RCMP say they are trying to locate six potential witnesses in their investigation into the \$700-million wildfire last May that ravaged Slave Lake.

The province said in November an unknown arsonist ignited the raging

forest fire that reduced a third of the town to ash and left 2,000 people homeless.

The government's Sustainable Resource Development Department then handed the file to the RCMP.

RCMP spokesperson

Town in ruins

► The blaze destroyed 400 homes, the community's new government building, the library, as well as two churches and the radio station. The town is still rebuilding.

Doris Stapleton said police are still trying to gather evidence and have yet to determine if the probe is a criminal investigation.

"We are using the SRD report that suggests it was arson to try and collect information."

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Airlines adopt all-in pricing

► Changes come before expected laws requiring more honest airfare ads

Canada's largest airlines have all launched all-inclusive pricing efforts that make it easier for passengers to determine the actual cost of flying.

Air Canada began on Wednesday to advertise prices that show the final cost of a ticket by combining the extra charges that have been left out in the past.

Porter Airlines, which flies regional planes mainly from its base at Toronto City Centre airport, said it would begin to advertise the total cost of a flight on Friday.

They join WestJet Airlines, which began to advertise all-in fares in January.

The new pricing structure will factor in all the fees, surcharges and taxes that customers wind up paying, which in some cases can virtually double the posted price of airline tickets.

The extra amounts include Nav Canada fees, airport-improvement charges, fuel surcharges, insurance and air-security charges.

Consumers also have to add taxes — GST or HST, and possibly sales tax or other taxes depending on the province or country.

Air Canada launched its new all-in fare policy as it unveiled a seat sale marking its 75th anniversary.

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New carrier

► WestJet confirmed Wednesday it will launch

a no-frills regional airline before the end of 2013 to compete for business- and leisure-class travellers.

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Murdoch group faces more lawsuits

Rupert Murdoch's News International has settled nearly all the cases against the company in the first wave of lawsuits for phone hacking by its journalists, with a new round of apologies and payouts announced Wednesday in a London court.

But a potentially damaging claim lodged by British singer Charlotte Church is still headed to trial later this month and

a wave of new lawsuits — as many as 56 in all — is looming.

News International, a division of News Corp., has tried hard to keep phone hacking cases from going to trial, launching its own compensation program overseen by a respected former judge and paying out millions of pounds in all in out-of-court settlements for about 60 cases.

The lawsuit by Church, a former child singing prodigy, heads into court Feb. 28. Murdoch had the singer perform at his wedding when she was 13.

Church testified that Murdoch's newspapers had spent years tormenting her, often while she was just in her teens, blowing her credibility "to bits" and damaging her career.

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► Charlotte Church

PENSION REFORM

Budget watchdog says OAS is sustainable

The demographic time bomb that will hit Canada once the baby boomers retire won't cause a fiscal crisis, the country's budget watchdog says.

In fact, Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page says the federal government has enough fiscal room to enrich benefits for seniors and cut taxes without breaking the bank.





The new report from the PBO released Wednesday suggests that the debate over Old Age Security reform should be about priorities, not necessity as the Conservatives have so far framed it.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper set off a political firestorm last month in Davos when he put pension reform on the table as part of the agenda to transform Canada's economy.

Since then, ministers have used terms like "crisis" to defend the need to tackle pension benefits as the number of seniors collecting OAS doubles over the next 20 years.

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Dell launches new VOIP app

Canadians frustrated with astronomical mobile service bills now have a free alternative in a new app being offered by Dell.

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over-Internet-protocol product that allows free calling almost anywhere within Canada over a Wi-Fi or mobile data connection, rather than eating into a user's allotment of mobile minutes.

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ONLINE DATING FOR DUMMIES

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO



The journal Psychological Science in the Public Interest has released a study of Internet dating with results that I think will be astonishing to anyone who lives in a cave at the bottom of the sea without Wi-Fi.

We media types went all first-love-breathless over the story anyway because it's rare we get to publish a science story people will click on that doesn't involve the words "primate sex."

"About a quarter of people met their partners over the Internet. In an online world where one of the most popular activities for years has been adorning cat photos with grammatically incorrect captions, I have a hard time seeing an online conversation as unusual."

However, if your IQ is larger than your birth weight and your technological savvy allows you to successfully use Lite-Brite, then you are likely to respond to everything in this dating study with an emphatic, "Well, duh."

Well, duh #1: Internet dating is popular. About a quarter of people met their partners over the Internet. In an online world where one of the most popular activities for years has been adorning cat photos with grammatically incorrect captions, I have a hard time seeing an online conversation as unusual.

Well, duh #2: Men initiate more than women, and both sexes use an unhelpful "shopping" mentality that highlights looks and interests. Some people cited this as proof that online dating is inferior. Some people have never dated offline, I guess.

Well, duh #3: Sites that claim to be able to match

you based on chemistry are eBaloney.

But the smarmy old man seems so trustworthy! And all those happy couples standing in white rooms!

I do use a dating site with a matching algorithm, but it's not hard to tell a poor match. For instance, I avoid self-anthropologists who catalogue every instance of themselves looking into a bathroom mirror. I'm intimidated by that level of dedication.

Well, duh #4: It's better to meet in person than chat endlessly online.

OK, one thing did surprise me.

The researchers said meeting in person was better than meeting online, and I thought, "Well, you can do both."

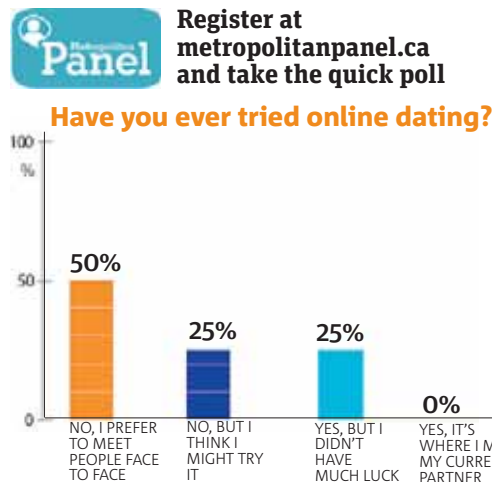
But then I saw that the average e-dater spends 12 hours a week online looking for a mate. Here's where, "Well, duh" gives way to "WTF!" (That's a research term meaning Weighty Transformational Fact.)

That much time online seems particularly tentative in an era where a "date" is cup of coffee or, if you're jumping in with both feet, a walk.

Gosh, after 12 hours, you could have 23 hilarious rejection stories and one glorious success.

No matter where you meet it's important to get out there, meet face to face and ignore the nitpicking that might be keeping you from noticing the love of your life! Unless they don't know the proper usage of your and you're. In which case they're useless.

Well, duh.



Local tweets



- @djtwoo:** You see someone waiting at the bus stop, what do you do? Do you tell them there is a #transit-strike? #halifax
- @ladyaet:** #transitstrike #Halifax guy standing at the bus stop on Bedford hwy for about 15 mins ... Wonder if he knows about the strike?
- @doctordestro:** #Halifax has summoned @the_iron-sheik to discuss #transitstrike with Ken Wilson while in a #camelclutch. Sheik will make jabroni humble.
- @Erin_Thick07:** Up with a list of things to do, but feel like doing as much as the #Halifax Metro Transit drivers
- @Netherlandy:** Great News: The Bachelor is auditioning in #Halifax! It's great b/c it reduces the amount of crazy left for me.
- @chrissah:** I feel the winds of change in #halifax #voteHRM !! Its time for fresh blood and new perspectives.
- @benwedge:** Well, I know who I'm voting for as far as council is concerned. Is re-open nominations an option for mayor? #halifax

Daily Zoom



'Whale' points to species' woes

LONDON. There she blows! An 11-metre "whale" floated down the Thames Wednesday to highlight the plight faced by the western gray, one of the world's most endangered whales. Numbering 130 strong with only 26 breeding females left, this whale species is "teetering on the edge of extinction," WWF says. ● **MWN**

"We're calling on the banks to take action and oppose the plans."

COLIN BUTFIELD
WWF'S HEAD OF CAMPAIGNS

THE WHALE WAS TOWED DOWN TO CANARY WHARF, ONE OF LONDON'S FINANCIAL CENTRES, TO CHAMPION WWF'S CALL ON EUROPE'S BIG PROJECT LENDERS, INCLUDING BNP PARIBAS AND CREDIT SUISSE, TO OPPOSE PLANS TO BUILD A THIRD RIG.

Oil rigs threaten whales' status

PETROLEUM. The campaign group claims oil and gas drilling threatens the western gray's main feeding ground. Two oil rigs exist near the whales' refuge off the coast of Sakhalin Island in the Russian Far East. Plans for a third rig were not included in the plan's original environmental assessment, WWF says.

● **MWN**

Remembering the real whale

HISTORY. It's been six years since Londoners were enthralled by the sight of a real whale in the Thames. The northern bottlenose swam upstream after apparently losing her way. Medics' rescue attempts were followed by millions worldwide, not least by the thousands who flocked to the banks of the Thames to watch. ● **MWN**

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Halifax catching a catch

► Fiddler on the Roof, an award winning musical, coming to Metro Centre this weekend

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Matchmaker, matchmaker, make me a match. Find me a find. Catch me a catch.

Unfortunately, Pamela Chabora isn't really a matchmaker, she is just playing one on stage.

"I think Yenta is the old tradition," Chabora says of her role in the touring production of the Tony-award winning musical Fiddler on the Roof, which is coming to the Halifax Metro Centre on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. "She thinks in terms of black and white with tunnel vision with a very strong rigidity."

For those who are unfamiliar, Fiddler on the Roof is set in the Jewish village, or shetl, of Anatevka, Russia in 1905.

While surrounding Russia rested on the cusp of revolution, the inhabitants of Anatevka fought to maintain their traditions. Marriage was the

"She's a busy-body. She likes to talk and help people. It helps her find her place."

PAMELA CHABORA, ABOUT HER CHARACTER IN FIDDLER ON THE ROOF.



► Pamela Chabora performing in a scene from Fiddler on the Roof.

most essential tradition of all. Enter Yenta.

"She gets fulfillment from being the matchmaker and knowing she still has value in the community," Chabora explains.

"It helps her find her place."

On one hand, Yenta's beliefs from the old country often push her further away from the very people she believes she is helping. On the other, her routinely stubborn disposition to an archaic point of view naturally lends itself to casting Yen-

ta in a humorous light.

It's a fact not lost on Chabora.

"I'm working earnestly and sometimes, the core comedy of 'the clown', comes from the tunnel vision that they have," she says.

"The audience of

course gets permission to laugh at places when the senility comes in, but it's that core truth that makes Yenta."

Tickets to see the award-winning musical that is touring across North America range in price from \$50 to \$76.

Signed ball




The Minnesota Twins announced Tuesday it will auction off a baseball autographed by reality starlet Kim Kardashian and her ex-husband Kris Humphries. They signed the ball before a Twins game last July, when Humphries threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

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Lagerfeld addresses Adele fury

► Designer made waves when he was quoted as calling singer 'a little bit fat'

Karl Lagerfeld has responded to the frenzy surrounding his recent comments about British singer Adele's weight — exclusively to Metro International.

Lagerfeld, who served as the global guest editor of this newspaper on Tuesday, told us: "I'd like to say to Adele that I am your biggest admirer. Sometimes when you take a sentence out of the article it changes the meaning of the thought. What I said was in relation to Lana Del Rey and the sentence has since been taken out of context from how it was originally published."

"I actually prefer Adele, she is my favourite singer and I am a great admirer of



► Adele



► Karl Lagerfeld

her. I lost over 30 kilos over 10 years ago and have kept it off. I know how it feels when the press is mean to you in regards to your appearance. Adele is

a beautiful girl. She is the best. And I can't wait for her next CD."

Lagerfeld was quoted as calling the singer "a little bit fat" in response to a

question about singer Lana Del Rey.

The controversial statement made headlines worldwide.

● KENYA HUNT

Brand keeps it classy?

An attorney for Russell Brand reportedly filed finalized divorce papers in Los Angeles this week, according to TMZ.

And although Brand and Katy Perry reportedly did not sign a prenuptial agreement — meaning Brand could easily go after half of the fortune Perry earned during their 14-month marriage — sources say the British comedian has no intention of going after her money.

"This divorce is as ami-



► Russell Brand

cable as it gets," one source tells the website. According to Forbes magazine, Perry earned \$44 million between May 2010 and May 2011.

● METRO

Simon says Beyoncé, Mariah not considered for X Factor

Simon Cowell is taking on some of the blame for the perceived lacklustre performance of the American X Factor, claiming his natural boastfulness worked against him.

"It's only because I opened my big mouth and said we were going to get 20 million (viewers). If I hadn't said that, everybody would be saying the show was a huge success," Cowell says, according to



► Simon Cowell

Hollyscoop.

As for replacing excused judges Paula Abdul and Nicole Scherzinger, Cowell shoots down rumours about new moms Beyoncé and Mariah Carey being considered and explains that Madonna would be "expensive" — but Katy Perry would be "fun" and "feisty." ● METRO

Celebrity tweets



Some people actually have salad with their egg whites in the morning. Can we be taking this health thing too far, @hilariathomas?



@alecbaldwin

@jasonsegel

Twitter account hacked again. I don't understand the point of what you're trying to do hackers. Why? Sorry to anyone following me.



@GwynethPaltrow

My dog is incessantly barking at the wind. What does she know that I don't? A lot, clearly.



So George isn't perfect after all

George Clooney does not consider himself dad material, based on his past experiences with children — both at work and at home.

"I've played a parent quite a few times and I worked with a lot of kids on ER," Clooney said at an Oscar nominees luncheon.

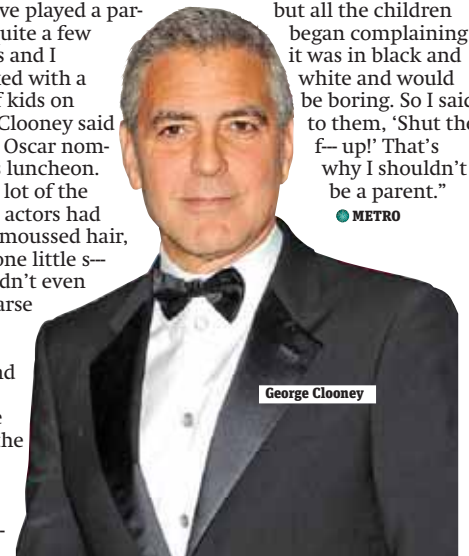
"A lot of the child actors had over-moussed hair, and one little s— wouldn't even rehearse with me."

And then there was the time he tried to en-

ertain some friends' kids at his house with a classic film: "I love the 1962 drama To Kill A Mockingbird, and I put it on in my screening room for them,

but all the children began complaining it was in black and white and would be boring. So I said to them, 'Shut the f— up!' That's why I shouldn't be a parent."

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Rough stuff



Skin maintenance may sound a tad tedious for some men. Here we offer easy tips to make keeping moisturized easier this frosty season.

Make it easily accessible

Keep moisturizer in your gym bag, or even your car and use it often. By having it close at hand you won't be tempted to skip this crucial step to keeping skin feeling healthy, and may even inspire your friends to keep their skin resilient and flexible as well.

Focus on specific areas

Don't worry about moisturizing your entire body. If you are in a hurry, just make sure to target key areas such as your hands, face, elbows and knees. These areas tend to be drier than the rest of your body and may need some extra attention.

NEWS CANADA



Earlier launch pays off for Montreal Fashion Week

Gentlemen, the time to drop trou is now

► What's under the pants is in the spotlight ► Men's undergarments are entering a new era

Some items in the fashion world are simply desires, and some are necessities. Where do men's undergarments fall? Increasingly, right in the middle.

There's a guaranteed market that needs to replenish supplies no matter what's happening in the economy. But innovation in style and technology has made boxers, briefs and undershirts, once an afterthought into a buzz-worthy category of men's clothes, to the forefront.

So much so that H&M debuted ads for its new undergarment collection by David Beckham during the Super Bowl and Jockey wasted no time signing football star Tim Tebow as its new spokesman.

It makes sense as a growth category, says Marshal Cohen, chief industry



► A/X Armani Exchange's seamless style briefs.

analyst with market research firm The NPD Group, but it took the right conditions to get on the fashion industry's radar: streamlined design, comfortable stretch fabrics, the idea that dressing starts at the base layer and that shabby-chic doesn't cut it anymore.

Men, in general, aren't as interested in fleeting trends, he adds. They are, however, willing to buy an "evolved" product if they need to replace an old one. And, Cohen says, as has happened with smart-

phones and athletic apparel, sometimes men will trade up if they think there's genuine newness.

H&M must see the potential. The collaboration with Beckham launches with not only boxers, briefs and Ts, but also vests, pyjamas and long johns. Beckham said in a statement that it took him and his design team 18 months to come up with just the right initial styles.

"It all starts with underwear and you build your wardrobe from there," agrees Patrick Doddy, sen-

"Men have recognized they can't do shabby-chic and look like they just rolled out of bed."

MARSHAL COHEN, THE NPD GROUP

ior vice-president and brand director of A/X Armani Exchange. "It's the foundation to your style."

A/X's core, younger consumer isn't self-conscious about purchasing undergarments in the middle of a

bustling store, he says. This fashion-savvy customer knows, just like his girlfriend or wife does, that flattering, stylish underwear only enhances his overall look.

"Men have recognized they can't do shabby-chic and look like they just rolled out of bed," says NPD's Cohen.

"They are looking for a job, or how to do their job better, or how to move ahead, and dressing is part of that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

H&M, ALASDAIR MCELLEAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► David Beckham sports his new collection of men's undergarments for H&M.



Jeanne Space



@Jeanne_Beker:

Sussing out my crazy itinerary for NYFW! Leaving to cover the shows this wknd. What aspect of my reportage do you look forward to most?

In this hectic modern world, Twitter has become a cool and succinct way of communicating. It allows me to be accessible, instantly speak my mind, and connects me with all kinds of people. Whether it's a fashion question, or you just want to comment on life's bigger picture, I'd love to hear from you.

- @PrinceHarry13: I'm dying for behind the scenes pics. Love to see who's wearing whom. Happy NYFW!
- @Jeanne_Beker: Okay! Will try to take lots of pics. Hopefully, the lighting gods will be with me!
- @PrinceHarry13: Also, trends. Gimme all the deets; prints, colour, tailoring, etc. Every cyclical flash of fashion's past.
- @meninthis town: your interaction with the designers, feeling more personal than other reporters.
- @Jeanne_Beker: Nothing like having had a personal history with those creative greats. Happy that experience matters in this biz.
- @tyler_webb: K I love it when you're holding the mic and walking in the madness. Feels so raw.
- @Jeanne_Beker: Yup! That's where I'm really at home!! xx



In T.O.'s Thompson Hotel lobby, with 2 little eavesdroppers--meeting with the FDCC's Robin Kay

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From wallflower to wall power

► Decor expert Karl Lohnes adds a focal wall of colour to a monochromatic room

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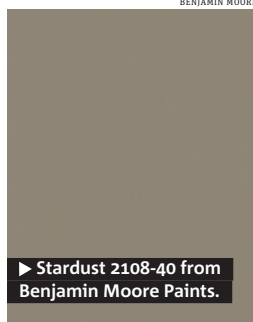
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I'd like to add some colour to my bedroom but I am afraid to commit. I was thinking about painting just one wall. Are focal walls out of fashion?

D. Richardson
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A painted focal wall was a popular way to add colour to a room in the 1980s.

One burgundy or hunter green wall might look a bit outdated these days as today's focal walls are all about adding drama with light or dark neutral



► Stardust 2108-40 from Benjamin Moore Paints.

colours rather than using colour.

Because you already have a monochromatic colour scheme I suggest keeping your colour choices for a focal wall limited to what is already in the room.

I would paint the wall behind the bed a deep version of a neutral brown colour like Benjamin Moore's Stardust 2108-40;



► Add some drama to a room by painting the wall behind the bed with a deep, neutral paint colour.

it's got a bit of grey in it to keep the wall fashionably on trend.

Paint on some drama

A glossy paint finish would help add some drama and reflection from the window into the room. If the wall's finish is smooth and free of

bumps or cracks then consider painting the wall with a high gloss paint.

Paint the underside and vertical part of the bulkhead running across the top of the wall; not painting the bulk will visually shorten the overall ceiling height in the room.

Direct the focus

What wall do you paint the focal wall?

- **Bedroom:** The wall behind the headboard
- **Bathroom:** The wall with the mirror/lights
- **Living room:** The wall with the fireplace/or television wall
- **Foyer:** The wall the door backs onto



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Accessorize appropriately

Bring a few darker-toned accessories in the room in order to blend your new wall; a dark throw at the end of the bed, a vase or some decorative pillows in a deep neutral colour will help the wall incorporate easily into your existing room.

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Jackie said that the first problem is stain identification, because one type of cleaner does not remove all kinds of stains.

So, for example, a food-based stain needs to be removed with a product such as OxiClean®, while an oil-based stain requires a different type of cleaner, one that is petroleum-based.

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Weekly Cookbook



If you're thinking of cooking a special Valentine's Day dinner for your sweetie, look not further than *Fresh & Healthy Cooking for Two* by Ellie Topp and Marilyn Booth.

It features recipes with fresh and local ingredients. All the recipes are within Canada's Food Guide suggestions for promoting health and reducing risk of chronic illness.

Main dishes such as Shrimp Fettuccine with Fresh Basil Pesto and Zucchini, and Grilled Trout with Fresh Dill and Chives, come with ideas for sides.

Perfect for just the two of us

- While many recipes are designed to serve four or more, this one is perfect for couples
- Rocco DiSpirito offers an alternative to typical Valentine's Day fare with Surf & Turf Cobbler

Surf and Turf Cobbler

MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


► This recipe serves two.

This recipe is Rocco DiSpirito's version of a trendy dish served in restaurants across North America — lobster pot pie.

A typical pot pie like this will cost you around 680 calories and 46 grams of fat per serving. But the chef has downsized that to just 330 calories and six grams of fat.

This is done by turning the pie into a cobbler, which means the crust is only on top. And the crust is made from a lower-calorie pancake mix that gives you the taste of a pot pie, but without all the fattening richness of typical crusts. DiSpirito also added lean beef tenderloin, making this a true surf and turf delight.

Lastly, he saved plenty of fat by thickening this dish with a delicious and pleasantly sweet puree of beets, instead of the usual butter, cream and flour.

Preparation:

- 1 In a large stockpot, bring 6 l (24 cups) of water to a boil. Set a bowl of ice water nearby. Submerge lobster in boiling water, then return water to a boil. Cook lobster for 4 minutes, adding asparagus to water for last 2 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer asparagus to ice water to cool for 2 minutes, then transfer to a kitchen towel to dry. Remove lobster from water and place on a sheet pan. Let cool until easy to handle.
- 2 Heat a medium non-stick skillet over high. Season beef with salt and pepper, then spritz pan with cooking spray and add

beef to pan. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until outside are well browned and centres are rare, turning once. Transfer beef to a plate and set aside.

- 3 Drain beets, reserving 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the liquid. Cut two-thirds of the drained beets (about 250 ml/1 cup) into bite-size pieces (save remaining beets for another use). Add half of the beet pieces to a blender along with the 50 ml (1/4 cup) of reserved liquid. Cover and blend until smooth.

- 4 Add 16 pumps of butter spray and cover and blend again just until combined. Pour pureed beets into a medium bowl and add remaining chopped beets. Add asparagus to beet mixture along with cooked beef cubes and fresh tarragon.

- 5 Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Remove meat from lobster and cut into bite-size pieces. Add to beet mix and stir until well combined. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon mixture evenly into a 1-l (4-cup) oven-safe glass bowl or souffle dish.

- 6 In a medium bowl, mix pancake mix and water. Drop dough into 6 small mounds over lobster mixture. Bake for 15 minutes or until top is browned and filling is heated through. Remove and top with horseradish.

Ingredients:

- 625-g (1 1/4-lb) live lobster
- 125 g (4 oz) fresh asparagus spears (12 to 16 spears, depending on thickness), trimmed and cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces
- 90 g (3 oz) beef tenderloin, cut into 8 cubes
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) red beets with liquid
- 16 pumps butter spray
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh tarragon
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) heart-smart pancake and baking mix (such as Bisquick)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) water
- 10 ml (2 tsp) prepared horseradish



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Dal loses ground in AUS playoff chase

The Dalhousie Tigers' hopes of making the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey playoffs took a major hit on Wednesday night.

Battling head-to-head with the St. Francis Xavier X-Men for the final post-season berth, the Tigers fell 2-1 to the host X-Men in Antigonish. The loss leaves the Tigers three points behind the sixth-place X-Men with two games remaining.

With the X-Men hanging on to a 1-0 lead late in the game, third-year forward Murdock MacLellan scored into an empty net with 32 seconds left. It ended up being the game-winner when Tigers defenceman Pascal Amyot, a former Halifax Mooseheads blue-liner, responded 12 seconds later.

Tigers goaltender Wendell Vye made 23 saves in the loss.

The X-Men, who have a 3-0 record in the season series with the Tigers, have the tiebreaker and need just one point in their final two games to grab the final spot. They host the Saint Mary's Huskies on Friday and visit Dalhousie on Saturday.

The Tigers, meanwhile, visit the Acadia Axemen on Friday and host the X-Men on Saturday and need to win both to stay alive.

● MATTHEW WUEST



► Mooseheads rookie Nathan MacKinnon battles against the Baie-Comeau Drakkar in Halifax on Jan. 26.

Herd, MacKinnon fall in hostile territory

► Mooseheads kick off a four-games-in-five-days road trip in Quebec with loss to Drakkar ► Eighth overall Halifax now 4-6-2 since start of January



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The Baie-Comeau Drakkar just barely got the better of Nathan MacKinnon and the Halifax Mooseheads in front of their home fans on Wednesday night.

The Drakkar, hosting MacKinnon for the first time since drafting him first overall and subsequently trading him to the Mooseheads when he wouldn't report last summer, earned a 2-1 shootout win before a loud, booing

crowd of 2,349 at Centre Henry-Leonard.

MacKinnon scored the first goal of the game just 7:11 into the first period, but was stopped on a breakaway late in overtime and misfired on his shootout attempt.

"He handled it really well and played a mature game," said Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme. "There was more noise and booing when he was on the ice, but he realized the game was played on the ice and he stayed focused on what he

had to do."

The Drakkar tied the game just 33 seconds into the second period with a goal from Gabriel Verpaelt and from there it was a duel of 16-year-old rookie goaltenders.

Baie-Comeau's Philip Cadorette made 34 saves and turned aside all five shootout attempts for the victory, while Halifax's Zach Fucule kicked out 35 pucks along with four shootout attempts before Tomas Filippi beat him for the game-winner.

The Mooseheads have

now lost six straight games that have gone to extra time and are 3-7 overall.

"Fucule had a great game and overall we could have won that game ... But we've got to find a way to win in overtimes and shootouts," Ducharme said. "We don't get that big goal at the right time. We can't win them all, but we have to get better because those are important points."

Top-pairing defenceman Hannay aggravated an upper-body injury and missed the final two periods. He'll be evaluated on Thursday.

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"We weren't very pleased with it ... I don't think it's something you need to do when you're talking about a 16-year-old kid ... That's a lot of hate to put on him."

HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS GENERAL MANAGER CAM RUSSELL, TO NEWS 95.7, ON A BAIE-COMEAU, QUE., NEWSPAPER AD TRUMPETING NATHAN MACKINNON'S ARRIVAL ON WEDNESDAY.

Smith 2-0 to open Tankard

Mayflower's Kent Smith is off to a great start as a skip at the Molson Tankard Nova Scotia men's curling championship in Bridgewater.

Smith, who won a provincial title as second with Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc in 2010, is the lone unbeaten skip at 2-0 after Wednesday's opening draws, posting wins over

clubmates Ian Juurlink 7-5 and Jamie Murphy 9-5.

Smith, along with third Stuart MacLean and lead Phil Crowell, split away from Fitzner-LeBlanc after a semifinal finish at last year's Tankard and recruited second Mark Robar to join forces on the Smith-skipped squad.

Smith faces Mayflower's Mark Dacey

and Fitzner-LeBlanc on Thursday.

Six teams are tied with 1-1 records. Round-robin action continues throughout the week with the championship game on Sunday.

The winner advances to the Tim Hortons Brier in Saskatoon from March 3-11.

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Sports in brief

Acadia clubs take two in Wolfville

AUS BASKETBALL. The Acadia Axewomen extended their winning streak to 12 games on Wednesday night in Wolfville with a 77-65 win over the Saint Mary's Huskies. The Ax-

women (12-1) are four points ahead of the Huskies (10-5) in the Atlantic University Sport women's basketball standings. Third-year point guard Justine Colley of East Preston had 27 points, 14 rebounds, four assists and four steals in the loss. Emma Duinker had 32 points in the win. In the men's game, the second-place Axemen beat the sixth-place Huskies 88-77.

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Once forgotten, now unforgettable

► Flyers' Giroux thriving with bigger role ► 'Little Mario Lemieux' has vaulted himself into Hart Trophy debate

The clip has become a replayed classic. Former Philadelphia Flyers general manager Bobby Clarke was at the podium and set to announce the team's first-round pick in the 2006 NHL draft.

Then he blanked.

"Philadelphia selects, from Gatineau of the Quebec Junior League," Clarke paused, looked down at some paper, then glanced off to the side for some help. "I forget."

When the chuckles died down, Clarke made the announcement: Claude Giroux.

It's easy to look back and laugh now. After all, no one around the league is forget-

50%
Giroux does more than score. He wins more than 50 per cent of his faceoffs, leads the Flyers on the power play and blocks shots.

the Stanley Cup for the orange and black.

Giroux has done his part this season to keep the Flyers in the thick of the Eastern Conference race. He is an all-star and his 20 goals, and 60 points are second behind Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin for the NHL scoring lead, entering Wednesday's games.



"He's probably our biggest catalyst on our team. He loves life, he loves having laughs, he loves being around the boys. That's what you want in a young superstar. I'm not even sure if he knows how good he is."

FLYERS FORWARD SCOTT HARTNELL

well on his way to surpassing last season's totals in goals (25) and points (76), proving general manager Paul Holmgren's bold decision last summer to trade Mike Richards and Jeff Carter and turn the keys over to Giroux was a wise one.

Giroux has only

to oblige.

"If I'm scoring points, that means I'm helping the team win. So, obviously I want to do that," he said. "It would be cool to win it. But I never want to go out of

named 2011 Pro Athlete of the Year by the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association.

Not quite the MVP. But not

ly to handle the scoring load. Danny Briere returned Tuesday after missing six games with a concussion, but James van Riemsdyk sat out for the 11th straight game.

Briere hasn't been surprised at Giroux's ascension into the league's elite.

"You could see it. It was just a matter of time," Briere said. "The thing that impressed me most about him is not his skill level anymore. We've seen it now for three years, four years. It's how hard he competes on every shift. That shows on the rest of the team as well."

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Searching for a heart of gold?

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Giroux's name this season.

The Flyers forward has grown into a superstar and a prime contender to win both the Art Ross Trophy for league scoring champion and Hart for NHL MVP. Of course, Giroux would like to be linked with Clarke for more than a draft gaffe — he wants to share the feeling of hoisting

Flyers veteran forward Jaromir Jagr has called Giroux, "a little Mario Lemieux."

Jagr would know as well as anyone what it's like to play with both players. He won a pair of cups with Lemieux in the 1990s, and has partnered on a line this season with Giroux and fellow all-star Scott Hartnell. The 24-year-old Giroux is

been slowed down this season by a concussion that forced him out of a few games and a two-week dry stretch in January that has him looking up in the points race.

With the Flyers four points behind the New York Rangers in the Eastern Conference race, Giroux has more pressing matters than focusing on the scoring title. But if more points mean more wins, Giroux is happy

my way to win a scoring title. If it's there, it's there. But I'm not too worried about it."

Clarke (1973, 1975, 1976) and Eric Lindros (1995) are the only Flyers to ever earn MVP honours. Giroux finds himself in the mix this season with Malkin, Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist, Toronto's Phil Kessel, Chicago's Jonathan Toews and Vancouver's Sedin brothers, Henrik and Daniel.

Giroux was recently

too bad in a city full of sports stars.

"He wants to score, he wants to get points," Hartnell said. "When he's going, our team is at its best."

He had two goals and five points in three games before the Flyers lost, 1-0 in a shootout, to the Islanders on Tuesday. He's been counted on even more late-

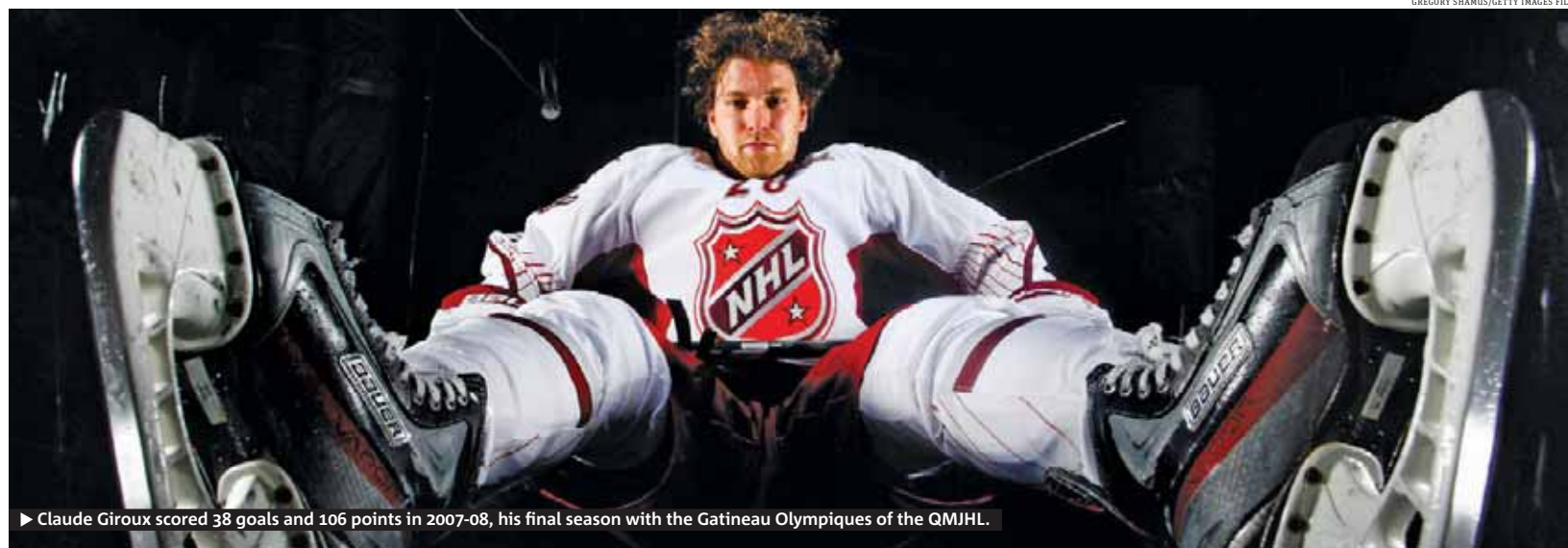
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He's popular with the fans, too. In his first day on Twitter, Giroux gained more than 50,000 followers on @28CGiroux.

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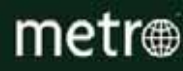
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► Claude Giroux scored 38 goals and 106 points in 2007-08, his final season with the Gatineau Olympiques of the QMJHL.

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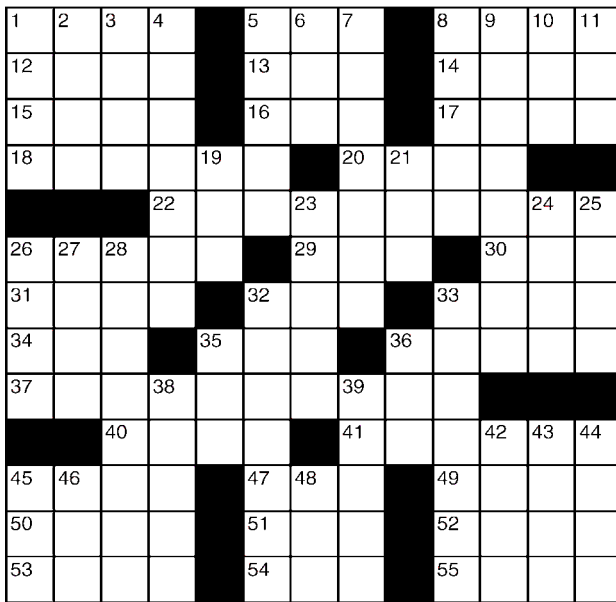
Crossword

Across

1 Oil cartel acronym
5 Spring mo.
8 Hotel employee
12 21-Down builder
13 Witness
14 Black, in verse
15 — Minor
16 Depressed
17 Carvey or Delany
18 Thwart
20 Primary
22 Donna Summer hit
26 Suitor
29 Tibetan beast
30 Table scrap
31 Weaponry
32 Lustrous black
33 Fit of peevishness
34 "Golly!"
35 Wok, e.g.
36 Lariat
37 No longer drink-
ing
40 KFC additive
41 Latest information
45 "The Naked Maja"
painter
47 Kimono sash
49 Apollo 11's goal
50 Once, once
51 Greek consonants
52 Opposed to
53 Illicit stimulant, for
short
54 Storm center
55 Require

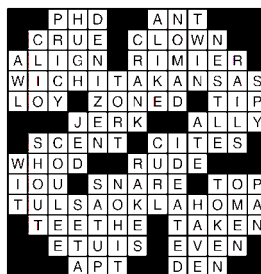
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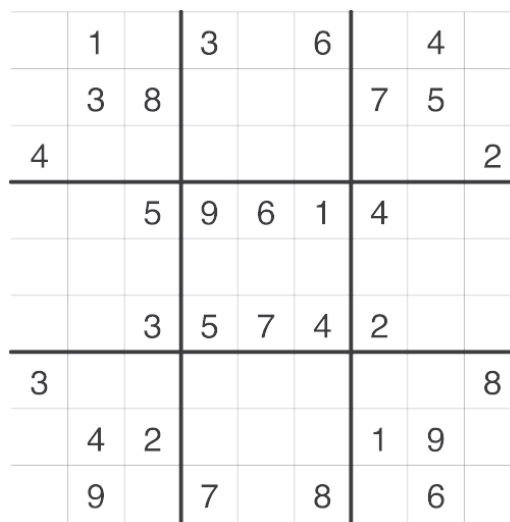


6 Pod occupant
7 Beef, e.g.
8 TV, newspapers, etc.
9 Leaves in the lurch
10 Lithium- battery
11 "CSI" evidence
19 Hostel
21 See 12-Across
23 Laughing critter
24 Rainbow
25 Director Pre-
minger
26 Palm starch
27 Small songbird
28 February birth-
stone
32 Mandible
33 Sleep-inducing vis-
itor
35 Apiece
36 Prune
38 Moor
39 False front
42 Top-notch
43 Carry
44 Oklahoma city
45 Jewel
46 Raw rock
48 Purchase

Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

8	4	1	5	6	9	3	7	2
9	2	7	1	8	3	4	5	6
6	3	5	4	7	2	9	8	1
2	8	4	9	1	6	7	3	5
1	9	3	7	2	5	6	4	8
5	7	6	3	4	8	2	1	9
4	5	9	6	3	1	8	2	7
7	1	2	8	9	4	5	6	3
3	6	8	2	5	7	1	9	4

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i needa study buddy?*

PAPA

Beals

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NIGHTTIME

Smile, someone is thinking about you right now.

HAPPY SOUL

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

If your sixth sense tells you that something is not quite right today, you would be wise to listen.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Cosmic activity in the career area of your chart means it's time to move up a gear. It's OK to be ambitious.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Your opinions seem to be going through changes and it may not be an entirely comfortable situation.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

You want to prove that you're tough enough to mix it up with your rivals. But don't make enemies of those who should be friends.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Sit back and let those who feel they have something to prove make decisions. You have nothing to prove.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

If you work too hard now, you may regret it over the weekend. You don't have to do everything yourself, you know. Let others help.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Focus on creative activities, especially if you've been working your socks off for other people recently.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Be prepared to tell someone in a position of authority that you won't be rushed.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec.

It's not often you kick up a fuss but today, you might have to. No one can tell you how to feel.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

The planets indicate that it will be quite easy to boost your earning power over the next few days.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

There's nothing you can't do and there is no one you can't impress. Make your talents recognized.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

You will achieve more in the long-term if you make an effort to co-operate with a colleague. You can both be winners. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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